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GKB Bloods Leader Sentenced to 180 Months in Prison for Crack Cocaine Distribution

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TRENTON – The leader or "5-star general" of a Trenton Bloods street gang known as "Gangster Killer Bloods" or "GKB" was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison today for distribution of crack cocaine, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

U.S. District Judge Anne E. Thompson also ordered Ricky Davis, 25, to pay a \$1,000 fine and to serve five years of supervised release upon the completion of his prison term. Davis has remained in custody since his arrest on Sept. 27, 2007.

Davis pleaded guilty before Judge Thompson on March 4 to a one-count Information that charged him with distribution and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Through a 14-month investigation into the GKB gang by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Trenton Police Department, with the assistance of other federal, state and county law enforcement agencies, law enforcement authorities identified Davis as a "5-star general" and Jabari Cross, 28, of Trenton, as a "4-star general" of the Gangster Killer Bloods gang. The investigation resulted in the guilty pleas of Davis and Cross, along with federal arrests and convictions of eight additional GKB members and associates.

At Davis' plea hearing, he admitted that on Sept. 21, 2007, he possessed a quantity of crack cocaine and sold it to another person. Davis and Lamar Carey, 24, of Trenton, were both arrested on a criminal Complaint, which was signed on Sept. 24, 2007, that charged them each with three counts of distribution and possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. The Complaint alleges that on three occasions between March 2007 and August 2007, Davis and Carey sold a total of approximately 400 grams of crack cocaine to an individual who was cooperating with law enforcement. Carey pleaded guilty to one-count of distribution of crack cocaine and was sentenced to 120 months in prison on April 23, 2008.

Cross pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper on March 10, 2008, to a one-count Information that charged him with possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. Cross has remained in custody since his arrest on Nov. 30, 2007. Judge Cooper has scheduled Cross's sentencing for Oct. 23, 2008.

In determining Davis' actual sentence, Judge Thompson consulted the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

Christie credited Special Agents of the DEA, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gerard P. McAleer in Newark, and Police officers with the Trenton Police Department, under the direction of Joseph J. Santiago, Police Director, with the investigation leading to the guilty plea.

Christie also thanked the New Jersey State Police Gang Unit, ATF, FBI, Ewing Police Department, and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office for their assistance to the investigation.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jimmy Kitchen, of the U.S. Attorney's Criminal Division in Trenton.

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